

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-18, 22-40, 44 and 49-60 are pending. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 22, 44, and 58-60 are indicated to be directed to an allowable product. Office Action mailed March 30, 2007, p.2. Previously withdrawn claims 18, 23-40 and 49-57, directed processes of using the allowed product have been rejoined and newly restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into the sixteen groups as set forth at pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007. Claims 34-40 have been amended herein. Amended claims 34-40 now depend on linking claim 23. The amendments to claims 39 and 40 correct the recitation of antecedent basis. The amendments to claims 34-40 do not add any new matter and entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claim 24, directed to a method of ameliorating or lessening the severity of a condition in an animal. As stated in the Office Action, claims 23 and 32 link the inventions of Groups I-V. The Office Action further indicates that, upon allowance of the linking claims all claims depending from the allowable linking claims will be subject to examination in this application. Office Action mailed March 30, 2007, p.5. Upon entry of the above amendments, in addition to linking Groups I-IV, claims 23 and 32 will also link inventions of Groups VI-XI. Therefore, Applicants submit that, upon allowance of linking claims 23 and 32, claims 24-31 and 33-40 (corresponding to Groups I-XI) will be subject to examination.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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